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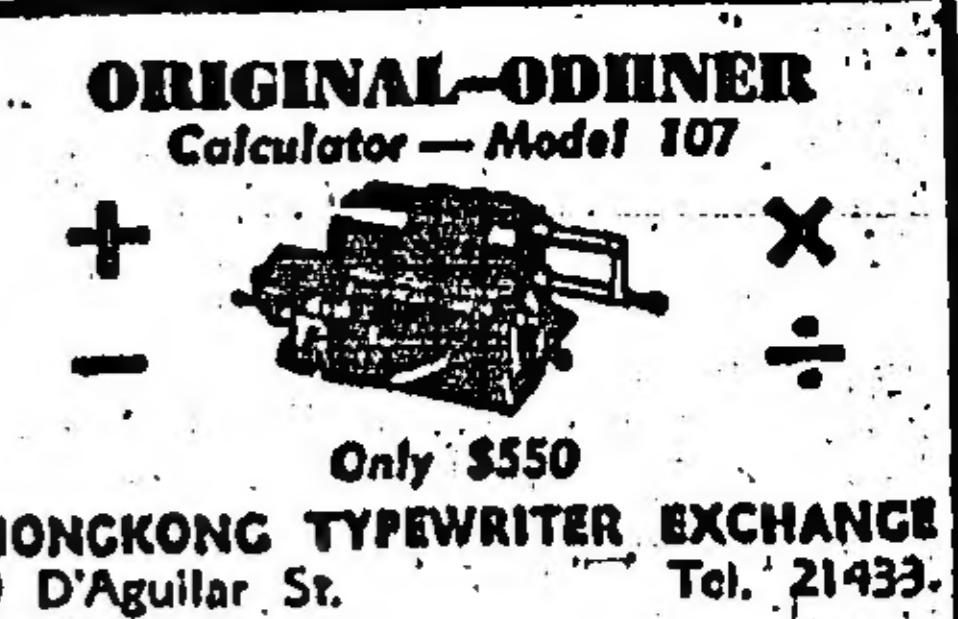
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**Eisenhower Reiterates Principles**

Washington, May 26.

President Eisenhower said tonight that no Korean prisoners of war "will be repatriated by force" and "no prisoners will be coerced or intimidated in any way."

Mr. Eisenhower said in a statement that certain principles inherent in the United Nations Command position "are basic and not subject to change."

The White House declined to say why Mr. Eisenhower was issuing the statement.

But Administration sources said the purpose was to clear up misunderstandings the President had developed regarding the United Nations armistice proposals submitted to the Communists over the weekend.

There have been reports that the prisoner of war issue would be referred for final settlement to the United Nations General Assembly.

The text of Mr. Eisenhower's statement follows: "The attention of the free world is focussed upon the armistice negotiations at Panmunjom. There, on May 29, the UNC (United Nations Command) renewed its efforts to bring an honourable peace to Korea on a fair and humane settlement of the POW issue."

To speed these negotiations, the UNC requested executive sessions. We are continuing to observe the executive nature of those sessions.

**BASIC PRINCIPLES**

"There are, however, certain principles inherent in the UNC position which are basic and not subject to change."

"No prisoners will be repatriated by force. No prisoners will be coerced or intimidated in any way. And there must be a definite limit to the period of their captivity. The procedures used in handling the prisoners must reflect these principles."

"In all this, our allies are in full accord. The principles accord also with the prevailing view of the representative bi-partisan group of Senators and Congressmen who have been consulted."

"Finally, these principles upon which we stand are the same as those which were formally approved by 54 members of the United Nations."—Reuter.

# BRITAIN BACKS NEW UN TRUCE PROPOSALS

## But They Are Still Secret

### SIR WINSTON'S STATEMENT

London, May 26.  
The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill tonight announced the full support of the British Government for the new Korean armistice proposals put forward at Panmunjom yesterday by the United Nations negotiator General William Harrison.

In a statement issued tonight from No. 10 Downing Street, Sir Winston Churchill said that the proposals were secret and that it was only possible to say that they were "very close to the terms of the Indian resolution passed by the United Nations in December last."

This resolution provided that both Chinese and Korean prisoners who refused repatriation should be placed under neutral custody but that a definite time limit should be provided for their release.

The text of the Prime Minister's statement said:

"The proposals put forward by General Harrison at Panmunjom yesterday were prepared by the United States Government after consultation with the British Government and other Commonwealth and United Nations Governments."

"As these proposals are secret, it is not possible to say more than that they are very close to the terms of the Indian resolution passed by the United Nations in December last.

"They have the complete support of the British Government."

Commenting on the British attitude to the new United Nations proposals, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that they represented "a real attempt to bridge the gap" between the positions of the two sides.

**FULLY DISCUSSED**

He added that they resulted from "full and detailed discussion" between the United States and the other United Nations Governments concerned in the Korean campaign.

Criticism in London of the Communist truce proposals of May 7 has concentrated on their failure to fix an eventual time limit for the release of prisoners who refuse repatriation and on the possibility that they might make possible the introduction of fresh Communist troops from Poland and Czechoslovakia who would be members of the neutral commission, into South Korea.

It is recognised here that the Communist proposal of May 7 did concede the issue that there should be no forcible repatriation of prisoners of war.

The latest United Nations proposals are understood in usually well informed quarters to have dropped the suggestion made from the United Nations side on May 13 that Korean prisoners should be released immediately without transfer to neutral custodianship.

The Duke called for the helicopter to take him to a place near London where he is to inspect Coronation troops.—United Press.

**Duke Lands In Palace Grounds**

London, May 26.  
The air-minded Duke of Edinburgh sprang a startling Royal innovation today when he ordered a British Army helicopter to drop to the grounds of Buckingham Palace to take him to one of his public duties.

The helicopter swooped low over a Coronation sightseeing crowd of thousands around the Palace and drew gasps of astonishment as it slid slowly down only a few yards from the Palace.

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**Warning Given By Korean Stevedores' Union**

Pusan, May 26.  
The Korean Stevedores' Union today warned its members would refuse to discharge Japanese ships bringing ammunition to Korea.

They accused the Japanese seamen of wholesale smuggling and said the United Nations had agreed to replace the Japanese ships trading to Pusan with Korean vessels.

A Korean Government official today said that Korea was having difficulty in getting suitable ships because the Japanese Government had refused en-

trance of a Korean procurement commission.

However, the official said the Chinese Nationalist Government on Formosa had told Korea it would act as a buying agent.

The official said that the South Korean Government and the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency had agreed to use US\$1,000,000 of United Nations funds to buy ships.—Reuter.

**Red Agents Explode Bomb**

Athens, May 27.  
Agents of the outlawed Greek Communist Party last night exploded a small bomb in central Athens which scattered anti-Dulles leaflets and injured one woman, police reported.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, is due here today on his fact-finding tour of the Middle East and South Asia.

The bomb was a home-made type of hand grenade and scattered hundreds of leaflets around.

Written in English and Greek, they read: "Warmonger Dulles, get out of Greece. You will not make Greece another Force."

They were signed with the initials of the Greek Communist Party, which has been proscribed.

Its agents made a similar attempt in another central part of Athens a few weeks ago when some arrests were made.—Reuter.



### Patrol Boat Explodes

## MAN'S STORY OF HOW HE RESISTED BLACKMAILER

### Future Safety Of His Sons Offered As Reward

Washington, May 26.

Romanian-born Valeriu Georgescu, educated in England and now working in America, broke down and wept today as he told how he refused to become a Communist spy for the price of his two sons' release from a Romanian prison camp.

He said the attempt to blackmail him into spying was made by the First Secretary of the Romanian Legation in Washington, Mr. Christache Zamfir.

The diplomat was ordered by the State Department today to leave the country. A terse note to the Romanian Embassy said he was persona non grata.

In a Washington hotel room, Mr. Georgescu told reporters that his two sons—Constantin, aged 19, and Peter, 14—were in a camp at Botosani, southern Rumania.

He said the diplomat called at his New York home on May 20 and produced a photograph of the two boys. On the back was a sentence saying: "Dear Daddy, please do all you can to help us."

The diplomat said: "You may see your children within a year if you will agree to collaborate politically with us."

Mr. Georgescu, who took a Bachelor of Science degree at Birmingham University in 1925 and is now an executive with the Standard Oil Company, said he replied: "I don't intend to sell my conscience to work for you—you want to bargain for the release of my children against my conscience."

"After the interview, he and his wife informed the State Department—and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**BREAKS DOWN**

Several times as he talked to reporters, Mr. Georgescu broke down and had to leave the room.

"My wife and I decided that the only chance we now have to protect our children is by letting the whole world know the facts," he said. "We have placed the fate of our children in the hands of public opinion."

Mr. Georgescu said he had left the two boys in Rumania with his grandmother in 1947 when he was called to the United States for consultations with his oil company.

Soon after he left, the Rumanian Government began making arrests of all officials connected with American and British institutions. His name was on the list of "undesirables."

So Mr. Georgescu stayed in the United States and became a naturalized American in 1952.

"The Communist regime had confiscated all my property in 1948," he said. "With tears in his eyes, he added: "They even took away the children's clothes, leaving them nothing but what they were wearing."

After he had appealed to the Red Cross, the State Department, the Indian Government and other agencies to secure their release, Mrs. Anna Parker, then Rumanian Foreign Minister, agreed in 1950 to let the boys leave for the United States.

But suddenly the decision was countermanded. "They told the children they were being taken to Bucharest to get a plane for the United States, but instead the boys were taken away to a camp," Mr. Georgescu said.

"That was one of the meanest things they could have done."

**RECEIVES RECEIPT**

Each month, Mr. Georgescu sends the children some money through a bank in Rumania and receives a receipt with the boys' signature. The signature is the only way I have of knowing they are alive," he added.

"It was not an easy decision for my wife and I to bring this into the open, but it seems the only way in which we can protect our children."

In the official language of the State Department, the Rumanian diplomat was found guilty of trying to subvert Mr. Georgescu to collaborate politically with the Communist regime of Rumania to the detriment of the United States Government.

He is the fourth Rumanian Legation official to be deported from the United States since the war.

A State Department spokesman said: "Mr. Georgescu's sons would be given preferential treatment to emigrate to the United States if the Rumanians ever let them leave Rumania."—Reuter.

**Refugees Reach Naples**

Naples, May 27.

A charter plane carrying 52 White Russians on their way to Brazil arrived here last night.

They said they had been expelled from Communist China. They will continue their journey by sea.—Reuter.

### Hongkong Firm Loses Trading Privileges

Washington, May 26.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, addressing a public meeting here today said:

"Yesterday the United Nations, or, if I may say so, the United States, put forward new proposals.

"They have not been published in the press but I have come to know of their broad outlines."

"According to my information these proposals come much nearer to the Indian resolution than previous United Nations' proposals. Certain complicated matters have been altered."

"I hope the fullest consideration will be given to these proposals and that a speedy solution will be reached now that there is very little difference between the Chinese eight-point proposal and the latest United Nations' proposals."

"I see no reason why the matter should remain unsettled any longer."

Mr. Nehru said: "It will be strong if minor differences are not ironed out."

The Indian resolution proposed a 4-Power repatriation commission—Czechoslovakia, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland—or any other four non-combatant nations, two being nominated by each side. It proposed all prisoners should be handed over to the repatriation commission but that each side should have the chance to tell the prisoners their rights and explain any matter concerning their return home. The Chinese Premier Mr. Chou En-lai rejected the resolution on December 10, 1952.

The office said that England and Pan in September 1951, after United States export controls on shipments to Hongkong and Macao had been tightened, entered into an arrangement to circumvent these controls by establishing in Lisbon, Portugal, a firm called the Capital Company.

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One shipment of loudspeakers was made by the Lisbon company and they were trans-shipped to Macao. A traveller from the United States carried to Pan at Hongkong as personal baggage a shipment of twist drills, the office said. England had also destroyed documents after being requested to produce them.

The trade office said England had been under suspension for seven months and Pan under suspension for violating control since April 3 of this year.

"England consented to the issue of his denial order," it admitted. "Pan substantially admitted his violation."

England and his firm, the office added, would be allowed to make shipments of magazines and periodicals from San Francisco to Hongkong and Macao "to earn a livelihood in non-strategic business which can be adequately policed by customs officials."—Reuter.

Today's weather report by All-India Radio said that there would be winds of 30 and 35 knots around the top of Everest for the next 24 hours with the possibility of snow falls tomorrow. Fair but cloudy weather was expected with temperatures anywhere between 16 and 20 degrees below zero. —Eduardine.—United Press.

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**WHITSUN HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL**

Paris, May 26.  
Nearly 200 people were killed and hundreds injured in the three-day Whitsun holiday in Germany, Italy, Austria and France, according to unofficial figures.

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**CAMEL-MOUNTED ROBBERS**

New Delhi, May 25.

Thirteen robbers mounted on camels swooped on the house of a rich merchant at Bayawar, Malan near Jodhpur and stole £10,000 worth of property including a hoard of gold and silver. It was reported herd tonight.

They were signed with the initials of the Greek Communist Party, which has been proscribed.

It's agent made a similar attempt in another central part of Athens a few weeks ago when some arrests were made.—Reuter.

Four people were killed and three seriously injured when a petrol heater exploded while seven friends were making coffee in a house.—Reuter.

**Petrol Heater Explosion Kills 4**

Buenos Aires, May 27.

Four people were killed and three seriously injured when a petrol heater exploded while seven friends were making coffee in a house.—Reuter.

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**URGED TO PASS MEASURE****Entry Of Europeans Into America**

Washington, May 20. The acting Secretary of State, Mr Walter Bedell Smith, urged Congressmen today to pass a bill under which 240,000 persons from Europe would be given special permission to enter the United States during the next two years.

This would include 110,000 persons in Western Germany, Berlin and Austria who have escaped from the Iron Curtain; 75,000 persons from Italy; 20,000 each from the Netherlands and Greece and 15,000 persons now in Turkey, Trieste or the territories of the North Atlantic Organisation countries who have escaped from Communism.

Mr Smith told the Immigration Sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee that efforts to bolster the Western defence against Communism and to maintain decent living standards could be defeated by the crushing weight of surplus population.

"Each year, Greece has six times as many new workers entering the labour market as Belgium," which has a population of comparable size, Mr Smith said.

Lack of resources and of arable land, war devastation and Communist guerrilla activity have gravely heightened the population problem. Emigration to Canada and Australia is beginning to help. The admission into the United States of an additional 20,000 Greeks would considerably ease the burden on the local economy and strengthen the bonds between this country and Greece, which stands so courageously on the communistic part of the Iron Curtain."—United Press.

**Want Ideas, Not Money**

Lincoln, Nebraska, May 26. Mohammed Ali, Attorney-General of the Frontier province of Pakistan, said today that his nation does not want American dollars but "professors, lawyers, students and technicians to come to our country on an exchange basis."

He added, "We need ideas not money."

Mr Ali arrived here on Monday night. He is studying the American legal system on a tour sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institution and the State Department.—United Press.

**To Visit Yugoslavia**

London, May 26. Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt will visit Yugoslavia from July 2 to 18. Tantur news agency reported today in a dispatch from Belgrade.—United Press.

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The Egyptian mission, led by General Hassan Mahmoud, Egyptian Chief of the Air Staff, is visiting the peninsula at the invitation of the Italian Government.

The mission will leave Venice tomorrow morning for Bologna, Modena and Florence, arriving in Rome late in the evening.

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## EVEREST

THE British Everest expedition is now on its last lap in its bid to reach the roof of the world.

But now Colonel Hunt, its leader, faces a vital decision which may decide eventual success or premature failure.

This concerns the best way of climbing the South Col. It depends partly on the condition of the snow and ice.

In my opinion the best way up—although much harder going—is by way of the Eperon des Genevois, the rocky spine which juts up in direct line with the South Col.

Along this spine Colonel Hunt can, I am sure, set up an intermediate camp. The Swiss did not stop to set up a camp but made the 12-hour climb to the top, which left us and our porters, the Sherpas Tensing, in a rather poor condition that could not be overcome at that height.

The second route, Colonel Hunt can choose longer perhaps, and even more dangerous—is by way of the Lhotse Glacier, well to the right of the Eperon des Genevois. This route, however, has the danger that if the team is caught in violent storms, avalanches from the glacier may crash down upon them.

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Fixed cords from Camp 5 can be established and in case of bad weather and snow the team's return will be guaranteed.

There is also far less risk of avalanches by the Eperon route. Whichever route Colonel Hunt chooses he must bear in mind—and this is also vital—that heavy groundwork has got to be done by the team to help the Sherpas and carriers.

Unless the way is made as easy as possible for the Sherpas, and they are encouraged all the time, they rapidly get disheartened and will either refuse to carry on or will lag behind.

If Colonel Hunt decides on the longer route over the Seracs ("teeth of ice") of the Lhotse Glacier, they will have to cut across horizontally for more than 1,000 metres (about 3,280 feet).

### Advantage

HERE the danger is the possible rupture of "planches" of snow—huge crusts of ice formed by the violent winds blowing the snow off the Eperon's spine.

They form "planks" which break away with terrific noise and slide down the glacier.

The only advantage of this route: it would be easier to establish an intermediate camp if Colonel Hunt, in a reconnaissance sortie, finds it impossible to establish one on the stony Eperon des Genevois.

This intermediate camp, which we Swiss did not have, is of the utmost importance. More Sherpas can be used to carry up more material and the Sherpas can return to Camp 5.

If this camp is not established, many Sherpas as possible will have to be used to take the material right up to the South

### AHEAD LIES AGONY says the man who has got nearest to the top



FIRST OF A

SERIES by

**RAYMOND LAMBERT**

the Swiss mountaineer  
who climbed to within  
787 ft. of the summit last year.

Col at one go—an 11 or 12-hour march.

It also means more tents, more food, more material of every sort, heavier packages, and greater physical deterioration of the men.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

No-Trump Bidding Deserves Study

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you make an opening bid of no-trump your strength is so sharply outlined that you have no need to add a great deal to your story. This fact is clearly illustrated in today's box taken from the recent World Championship Match played in New York.

North's opening bid held the North hand for America; he opened the bidding with two no-trumps. Such a bid demands a count of 22 to 24 points, with half-point distribution and stoppers in all suits.

North actually had only 21 points in top court and the bid was made over with all tenors.

However, North had a strong five-card suit as compensation for the slightly deficient strength of his opening bid cannot be criticized.

John R. Crawford, the South player, promptly jumped to four hearts, which he held in his hand.

He could not make a good long heart suit but that he could not make any independent claim of his own.

North decided to paw since his opening bid had told his full story. He might have made a claim try if his opening bid had been based on

NORTH	18		
AKQ52			
♥AK			
♦K52			
♣K53			
WEST (D)			
J8	— 943		
55	— J62		
♦A109742	— J3		
♦Q1082	— AJ92		
SOUTH			
107			
♦C1098743			
♦K9			
♦Q4			
Neither side vul.			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2.N.T.	Pass	4
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead—7			

WEST	North	East	South
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a full 26 points with a good fit for hearts and the strength made up largely of aces and kings. Since he did not have that type of hand, he could safe a pass without fearing the loss of a club.

Four hearts was a very comfortable contract. The bidding had been taking two club tricks and the ace of diamonds. Declarer had then claimed the rest of the tricks.

In the next round the Swedes put themselves into trouble. North did not tell his whole story with his opening bid, and had to eat the bidding to the level of five before he felt that it was proper to drop.

North opened with one spade, and continued with two clubs. Not knowing what to do about this, North made the somewhat "fancy" rebid of three clubs. South rebid his one club rebid.

At this stage of the proceedings North felt that he had not shown his full strength and had not made his bid good or had the South hand happened to be. North therefore jumped to four no-trump, the Blackwood Convention being used to get a safe contract. The Swedish defenders took two clubs and a diamond, and the Swedish declarer was defeated.

Five hearts was a safe contract. The Swedish defenders took two clubs and a diamond, and the Swedish declarer was defeated.

**CARD Services**

The bidding has been:

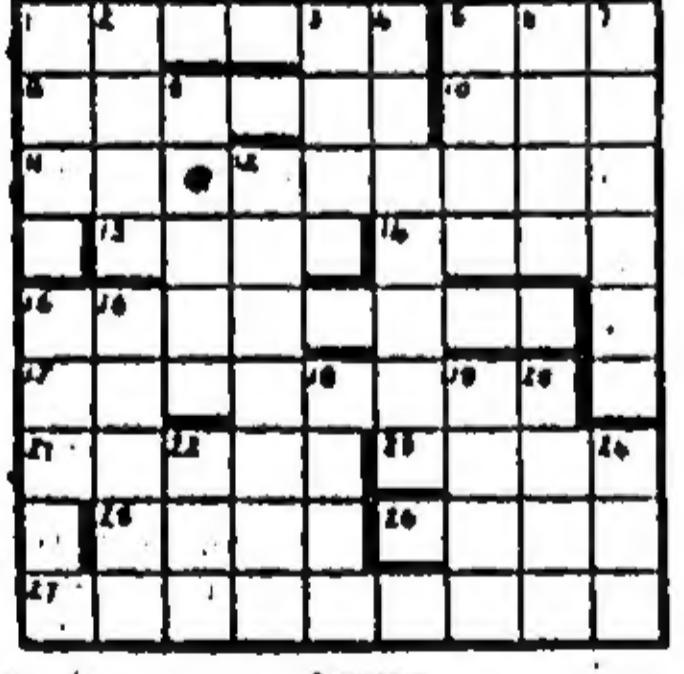
North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 Heart	Pass
1 Spade	Pass	Pass	
You	South	hold: Spades Q-6-2, Hearts A-K-Q-J-8, Diamonds A-J-2, Club 6. What do you do?	
You will probably have a play for game with almost any hand that North can hold for his one trump response. It would be best to bid one club, as the bidders only three hearts when you have enough strength to bid all the way to game by yourself.			

**A QUESTION**

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 9-3, Hearts A-Q-2-7-5, Diamonds A-K-8, Club K-Q-9. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## CROSSWORD



## DUMB-BELLS

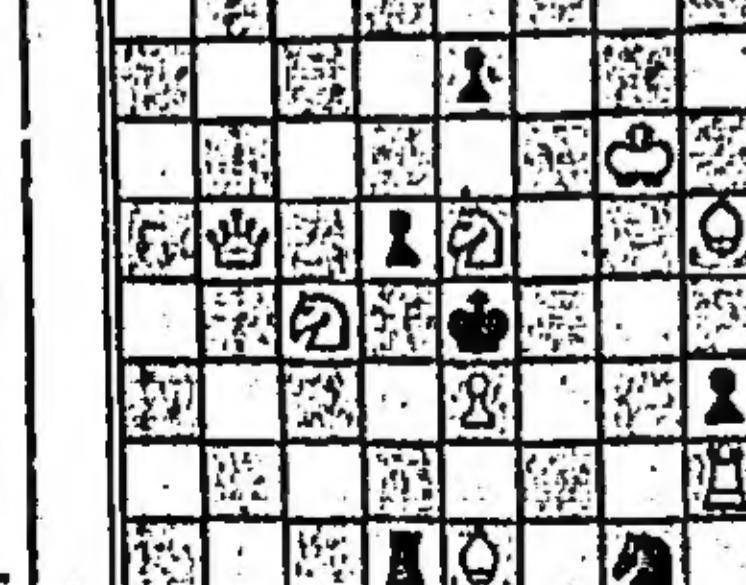


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## CHESS PROBLEM

By J. GOLDSCHMIDT

Black, 6 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.  
White to play: mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. B-Q3. 1... P-K1; 2. Q-Q2; 1... P-K1; 2. Q-Q2.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?  
REX SCOTT-PAIN  
Describes the letters to spell his name.  
(Solution on Page 10)

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# HAMPSHIRE TAKE A CLEAR LEAD IN THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

London, May 26.

Hampshire took a clear lead in the English County Cricket Championship table when they narrowly defeated Kent by 47 runs at Southampton today.

Kent had been set to score 304 at a run a minute for victory. Godfrey Evans, the England Test wicket-keeper batsman, raised the Kent bid to get the runs after three wickets had tumbled for only 18 runs.

Cuts, drives and hooks flowed from his bat. When he eventually fell to a catch on the boundary, Evans had scored 93 out of 119 runs in 83 minutes. He hit 14 boundaries and in one over from Gray he took 15 runs. The later batsmen hit out bravely but could not overcome the early setbacks.

Glamorgan, who were joint leaders, had no county game but drew an exciting low-scoring game at Port Talbot with the Gentlemen of Ireland. Wili Wooller, the Glamorgan captain, took eight Irish wickets in the match for 33.

Hampshire now have 40 points from six games. Middlesex moved into second place with 38 points from five matches as a result of their win by 101 runs over Sussex, at Lord's, after being behind on first innings.

Middlesex declared, leaving Sussex to get 202 in just under two and a half hours to win. England batsman Denis Compton excelled with the ball, taking four Sussex wickets with his left-arm slow deliveries for 37 runs. Middlesex won with 15 minutes to spare.

## BATTLE OF THE ROSES

In the "Roses" match at Manchester, Cyril Washbrook, the Lancashire opening batsman, defied the Yorkshire attack to enable his side to draw.

Early in his innings he was struck on the jaw by a "bouncer" from England fast bowler Fred Trueman. He retired to have two stitches inserted in the wound, and then returned to carry his score to 65 not out. Throughout he "nursed" the bowling while gathering sufficient runs to make Yorkshire's task impossible.

Gloucestershire's 22-year-old off-spinner, Brian Wells, looks like becoming one of the colourful personalities in county cricket. On leave from national service in the Army, Wells today took eight Somerset second innings wickets for 31 in his side's comfortable victory by 101 runs at Taunton.

Luckless Somerset are now the only county in the table without a point. Nottinghamshire gained their first points of the season when leading Trent Bridge on first innings.

The reigning Champions lost their five remaining wickets on pitch.

## Hongkong's Table Tennis Stars In Manila

Manila, May 27. Hongkong's table tennis aces, Sih Su-chiu and Cheng Kwok-wing, will see action tonight in their first appearance here.

The visitors will meet either Tan Ta Tuan, Drogrey Agusin, Teofilo Ibarra or Dennis Callinan, all semi-finalists in the Metropolitan Tournament.

The Hongkong players, here on the invitation of the Table Tennis Association of the Philippines, arrived on Sunday for a four-night exhibition series.

On Friday they will face the Metropolitan Champion and runner-up. On the following day (Saturday) they will play in invitational games against the top Filipino and Chinese players.

They will wind up their tour on June 1 by playing against an all-Chinese selection.—France Presse.

## NOTICE

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

On Tuesday, 2nd June, the Club's property at Happy Valley, will be open and reserved for the use of Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and their Ladies who must wear their Members Badges and Lady's Brooches; otherwise they will not be admitted thereto.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. M. ISA  
Secretary.

## LEAGUE TENNIS

In the only Mixed Doubles "B" Division Tennis League match played yesterday, Chinese Recreation Club were held to an exciting finish by Ladies' Recreation Club before emerging victors by five sets to four.

Although the Chinese Club led by 2-1 in the first round of games and lengthened their lead to 4-2 by the end of the second round, the LRC players made a spirited recovery in the third round to draw level at 4-4.

In the deciding ninth set, S. Saul and Miss Rogers battled a 5-5 score with Choy Tin-kin and Mrs G. Lo, when the issue appeared practically over as Choy slipped and began to lame.

The Chinese player, however, gamely struggled on not only to complete the game but also to take the next two games for set and match.

In the Men's "D" Division four matches were played off, with South China following up their win over CRC last week with another good victory over Kowloon Tong Club by 7½ sets to 1½.

### THE SCORES

#### Mixed "B" Division

#### CRC 3, LRC 4

Mrs E. Tsui and Cheung Chow (CRC) lost to Mrs Goetz and E. Saubolle 4-6; beat Miss Rogers and S. Saul 6-4; lost to Mrs Ayres and F. C. Stuckey 1-6.

At Manchester: Lancashire drew with Yorkshire, Lancashire 276 and 242 for four declared (Milton not out 10). Gentlemen of Ireland 77 and 81 for nine (Wooler four for 12). Shepherd four for 17).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Derbyshire by 200 runs.

Warwickshire 339 for nine declared and 134 for six declared.

Derbyshire 197 and 70 (Hollies five for 23).

At Taunton: Gloucestershire beat Somerset by 101 runs.

Gloucestershire 276 and 242 for four declared (Milton not out 117). Somerset 169 and 187 (Glimblett 51, Wells eight for 31). Gloucestershire 1st innings total has been officially corrected from 270 to 276.

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At Worcester: Worcester beat Essex by 101 runs.

Worcester 355 for seven declared and 238 for five declared (Kenyon-120, Richardson-99). Essex 351 for four declared and 282 for five (Eric Bedser 56, Tattersall five for 50).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire drew with Surrey, Nottinghamshire 318 and 108 (Laker six for 58, McMahon four for 35). Surrey 220 (Constantine 105, Goosen 5 for 10), Dooland five for 73) and 135 for five (Eric Bedser 56, Dooland four for 46).

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Kent by 47 runs. Hampshire 279 for nine declared and 105 for eight declared (Brown 54).

Sussex 386 for eight declared (James Langridge not out 50) and 100 (Denis Compton four for 37).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire drew with Leicestershire, Northamptonshire 363 and 132 for two (Livingston not out 58), Leicestershire 407 (Patterson 201, Clarke six for 85).—Reuter.

**TEST TRIAL TODAY**

Birmingham, May 27.

A pitch which has been specially prepared for several months should give batsmen and bowlers equal chance to prove their ability in the Test trial which begins at Edgbaston today.

Worwickshire's Secretary, Mr Leslie Deakin, announcing this yesterday, said the pitch, which was covered during last Monday's thunderstorm, was in good condition.

Two changes have been made in the Test side, N. H. Rogers, the Hampshire batsman, and D. C. Morgan, the Derbyshire pace-bowler, replacing the injured W. J. Edrich and G. A. Lock.

**THE TEAMS**

England XI — L. Hutton (Yorkshire, captain), T. E. Bailey (Essex), R. T. Simpson (Nottinghamshire), P. B. May (Surrey), D. C. Compton (Middlesex), A. V. Bedser (Surrey), J. C. Laker (Surrey), T. W. Graveney (Gloucestershire), P. A. Gibb (Essex), A. E. Moss (Middlesex).

The Rest — F. R. Brown (Northamptonshire, captain), N. H. Rogers (Hampshire), D. S. Sheppard (Sussex), T. G. Evans



## THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

# BE PREPARED FOR A SHOCK —FREDDIE BROWN MAY BE BACK TO LEAD ENGLAND!

Says DAVID JACK

Be prepared for a shock when the Test selectors announce the name of England's skipper to face the Australians. Yorkshire's Len Hutton, who did such a great job of work against India, is, of course, on the short list—but Len is no automatic selection.

I happen to know that more than one selector would like Freddie Brown to change his mind about retiring from Test cricket. And I don't think Brown would take a lot of persuading.

The man who led the MCC on their last tour of Australia has proved that he has the right approach to the Australian menace. He is also in form with bat and ball—and Brown could have no

inner send-off in his last season in top class cricket.

Good news for Kent county cricket. Batsman Colin Cowdrey, star of the Oxford University XI, will be available for regular county cricket as soon as he comes down from university.

Cowdrey, youngest cricketer ever to gain a Blue, hopes to make a career out of writing, funny journalism. It should make a nice change for a journalist to play cricket instead of vice versa.

THREE CLUBS WANT HIM

Bolton Wanderers, Stock City and Leeds United were all impressed after watching John Donnelly, inside right of Broomburn Celtic (East of Scotland). John's father used to play for Albion Rovers and Charlton Athletic, but he was better known as J. J. O'Donnell, finalist in the Powerhall sprint three times.

Despite the loss of an arm, Fulham referee Alf Bond still manages to be something of an all-round sportsman. Part of the Bond keep-fit treatment is a two-nights-a-week session of badminton.

Cardiff City's left back, Jack Mansell, who played cricket for Sussex Second XI in his Brighton

and Hove Albion days, is not interested in qualifying for the Glamorgan County side. Says Jack: "It's hardly fair to the wife to be on the move all summer as well as winter."

In any case, I shall be surprised if this Salford lad stays in South Wales long enough to qualify for Glamorgan.

Grimsby Town, searching for a successor to veteran goalkeeper George Tweedy, would like to sign Jimmy Brown—surprisingly given a free transfer by Hearts. Bristol Rovers are also interested in the Edinburgh goalkeeper.

My information, however, is that Brown will join a top-class Scottish club.

Southend United would like to keep Scottish inside right Jimmy O'Neill on their books for good, but I can't see Aberdeen allowing this National Serviceman to stay South after he completes his two years' service at Shobburyness.

Looks as if Southend will have to be content with the loan agreement, but they still hope to have O'Neill for another 12 months.

Still on the look-out for a full-back, United manager Harry Warren is interested in Sheffield Wednesday's Keith Bannister.

For the first time in Europe—the famous American team of the "Hell Drivers" are giving their sensational display at the Berlin Olympic Stadium. Here they go through one of their acts—the drive through the Burning Wall.—Express Photo.

## THE "HELL DRIVERS" IN BERLIN



## DORIS DAY EXPLAINS

Doris Day gave a little interview at her hotel the other day. It was all about how she was still managing to make good after six years in Hollywood. "Let's face it," said Miss Day, "this picture business doesn't have time to coddle its stars any more. The studios are getting less and less inclined to use people who create a fuss. So I do as I'm told. If you want me to stay on top you have to."

Miss Day is right on both counts. She certainly does as she's told (she will take a lunch pack to the set day after day if anyone so much as mentions that she may be needed in a hurry) and she certainly is staying on top.

"I'm one of those girls who need a lot of sleep. When I'm working I get home at six, have supper, rest a while and then go to bed around 9.30. I just don't understand how some people can get to work sleepless."

And when she's not working Miss Day still takes it easy. She loves California and gets up at 8 every morning just to have breakfast outside and enjoy the first sunshine. When I asked her recently whether or not there was any truth in the rumours that she might be heading for Broadway, she said quite directly "No, California here I stay!"

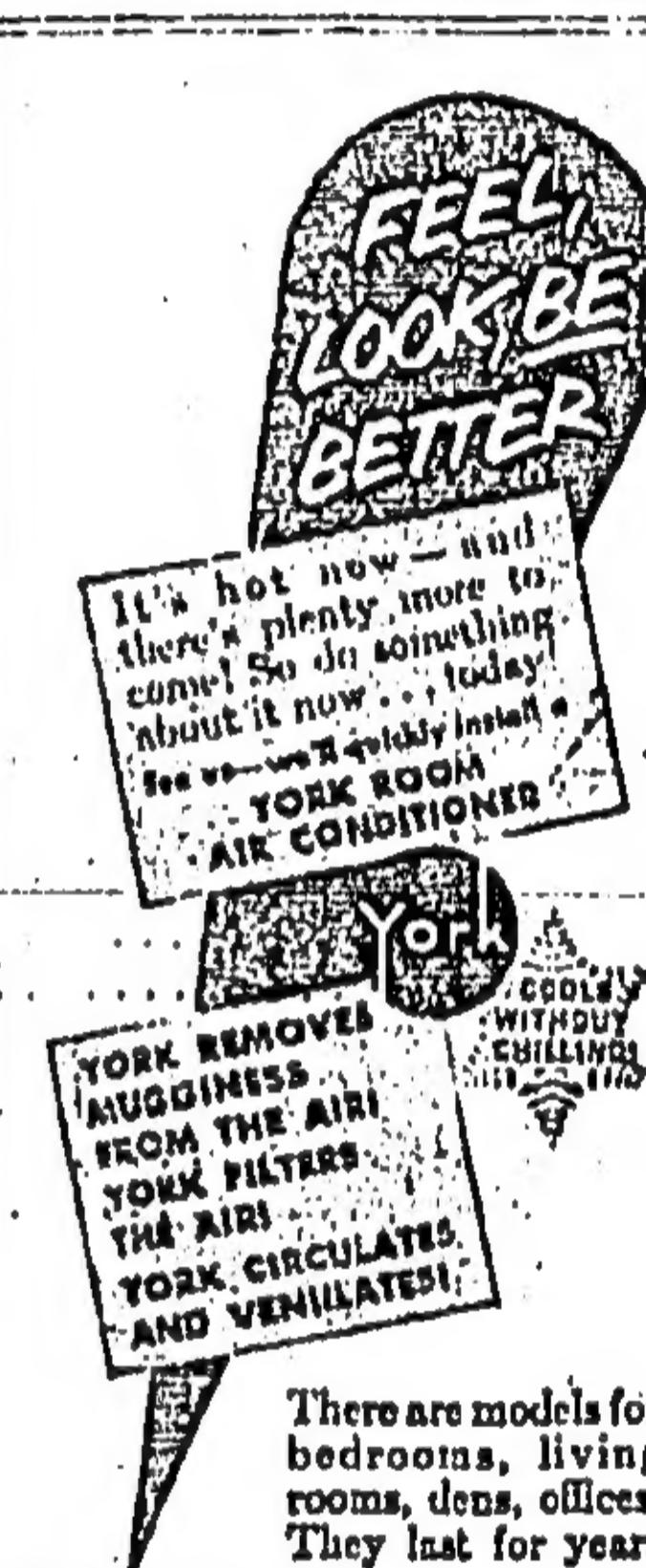
James Stewart will star in a film based on Cornell Woolrich's story "Rear Window". Director Alfred Hitchcock...Paramount has signed Joan Fontaine to co-star with Bob Hope in "Mr Casanova". Shooting starts in July...Joan Crawford concentrates on dance numbers in her new film "Torch Song". As it was dancing that made her famous she's doing the right thing to keep herself that way.

When you have written songs, silence isn't golden. Songs which may never be heard might as well never have been written. That's the lament of Nicholas Brodsy, who wrote such popular successes as "Be My Love" and "Because You're Mine."

"I wrote three special songs for the movie version of Sigmund Romberg's "Student Prince", said Mr Brodsy, formerly of Budapest, now of Hollywood, New York and Paris.

"These songs were for Mario Lanza. They are his kind of songs. They are called 'I Walk With God', 'Summertime In Heidelberg', and 'Beloved'. Who knows now if they will ever be heard?"

In the past year, Mr Lanza and his studio, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, which dislikes temperance and hanky-panky by film stars, have had a falling out. Currently Mario is being sued by Metro for some eight million dollars, in round figures—if you like round figures as Mario does. His poutage has been a constant problem and it is doubtful if today he could squeeze into the handsome and expensive uniforms made for him for "The Student Prince".



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## British Hopes Jolted In One "Black Hour" On The Royal Liverpool Links

Hoylake, Cheshire, May 26. British hopes of breaking the American postwar domination in the Amateur Golf Championship were severely jolted in one "black hour" on the Royal Liverpool links today.

In depressing succession Gerald Micklem, the new English Champion, Major David Blair, a Scottish International, and John Langley, already a member of this year's Walker Cup team, suffered second round defeats against home country golfers little known outside their own immediate areas.

Langley's one hole defeat by Blair to three-putt himself out of the championship.

In last year's event Blair beat the defending champion, American Dick Chapman, and the American Amateur Champion, Billy Maxwell, in one day.

Gordon Whitehead, a wholesale fishmonger, went to work at six o'clock this morning and later informed from Manchester to beat Micklem two and one.

They were all square at the 14th but Whitehead won the 15th and 16th holes.

Blair was beaten one up by Graham Patrick, a pre-war Scottish International, who now plays only week-ends. All square, they both found the 18th hole with their seconds, for Reuter.

## Nine Dragons Club Results

The following are the results of the semi-finals of competitions played at the Nine Dragons Club on Thursday last:

Darts.—RAF 4, 33 Gen Hospital "A"; Wilts "A" walkover to HRA, 40 Int Div.

Table Tennis.—RAF "A" 3, RAHQ/72 LAA Regt, RA 1; 33 Gen Hospital walkover to 32 Med Regt, RA.

The following will meet in the finals to be played at the club on Thursday commencing at 7 p.m. sharp:

Darts.—RAF v Wilts "A".

Table Tennis.—RAF "A" v 33 Gen Hospital.

Entries for the June competitions must be submitted by Saturday, May 30. The first round will be played at the Club on Thursday, June 4. Teams consist of five players for darts and four for table tennis. There is no entrance fee for either competition and trophies will be awarded to each member of the winning team in both competitions.

## EDWIN TSAI SURPRISES AT BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, May 20. Edwin Tsai, of Hongkong, reached the Men's Singles quarter-finals when the Priory Lawn Tennis Tournament was continued here today.

Following are the four men and two women who were chosen to represent the Hongkong Archery Club.

Men's Section: Ken Vivian 686, John Martin 405, Dennis Field 384, E.Y. Mao 337.

Women's Section: Bea Stanton 203, Marsha Field 223.

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## Japanese Skill For Oil?

**Abadan Project**

Tokyo, May 26. The Japanese Idemitsu Kosha company, owner of the tanker Niagyo Maru, 12,000 tons, which recently brought 18,000 tons of oil to Japan from Abadan, is going on with arrangements to obtain more oil from Persia.

On the other hand, other companies in Japan report that they have been officially informed that all further dollar allotments by the Japanese Government will specify that the funds are not to be used for the purchase of Persian oil.

It is reported that the Idemitsu company, with funds already allocated for oil purchases, plans to send the tanker to Abadan for a third voyage, when she returns from her second trip on which she sailed a week or so ago.

The company is also said to intend making future purchases by barters if the Government does not allocate funds. The preferred method would be to exchange Japanese technical skill for oil.

In Tokyo it is considered unlikely that the Japanese Government would refuse to permit Japanese technicians to travel to Persia.

### CHEAPEST DEAL

It is estimated that the Anglo-Iranian refineries, running under Japanese technical supervision, could put out in a fraction of one day enough to supply all Japan's needs for a month.

This would offer the cheapest barter deal ever dreamed of, even with cheap manpower.

Another threat of stiff competition to British and American interests in Japan is the Soviet Union's offer to export Russian-controlled North Sakhalkin oil to Japan.

This would be 10 per cent cheaper than British and American oil and there would be freightage advantages.

## Revelations In Singapore's Annual Report

The Singapore Annual Report for 1952 contains some interesting revelations.

Singapore's public finances are described as healthy. There is likely to be a surplus on the year's working of over \$38 million (about £4½ millions).

This will bring the general revenue balance to over \$185 million. The public debt is \$15 million. Provision for sinking fund and payment of interest amounted, in 1952, to under \$6 million, less than 3.4 per cent of the Colony's revenue.

Yet the explanation given for the abandonment of a major, and most necessary, social research programme is "lack of funds."

Singapore's wealth is reflected in the Colony's rates of public assistance, which are officially admitted to be well below subsistence level. To get even this charity there is a means test, in addition to a residential test.

This residential test appears to be based on the strange assumption that an old person who has lived in the colony for ten years does not need so much to keep him alive as a person the same age who has lived in the colony for twenty years.

### INCOME TAX

Even in face of Communist threats to solve all social problems through unorthodox methods, the Singapore Government still hesitates to increase the income tax (which at present produces 36½ per cent of the total revenue) from the 30 per cent charged on companies and the 3 to 30 per cent charged individuals.

Consequently the gap between the very poor and the very rich in Singapore remains much too wide.

Yet even in his reference to the expansion of the social services "planned for the next few years," the Colonial

Secretary could not bring himself to admit that the cost would have to be met by increased taxation. Part, he promised, might come from the next few months.

Regulations have already begun—a well-kept secret disclosed by the "Eastern Committee" of the powerful Federation of German Industry.

The Russians, say German spokesmen, have submitted a list of goods which they would like to order from the booming industries of the Reich.

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Forced to do something about this shocking situation, the Government is now offering, at a nominal rent, a small piece of land, provided with drains, roads, communal latrines and bathing areas, and hardstandings upon which squatters can put up their own shelter. Even this is a temporary expedient. There is no guarantee that they will not be moved after ten years.

Very little reference in the report is made to the growth of prostitution in Singapore, apart from the explanation that it is not an offence. Yet it is well known that several thousand girls, many under the age of 18, have been forced into this profession through economic pressure.

## Cotton Prices In New York

New York, May 26. Cotton traders crowded all of today's activity into the opening and closing transactions. In between time, the market drifted aimlessly in quiet dealings.

A spurt of covering by day traders at the finish collided with scattered trade demand. Closing at the day's best levels, the list was 70 to 10 points higher. The opening feature came in the sale of around 5,000 bales of July by a broker often acting for Dallas interests. The selling in July was put down to liquidation for the account of the same mill interests which took up the bulk of the cotton put out on the March and May deliveries.

The Government weekly crop summary took a decided turn for the better this week. Clearing conditions with warmer temperatures were favourable for planting, replanting, chopping, cultivation and other farm work in the main belt. Traders in the central belt are going full blast day and night in a feverish attempt to plant as much cotton as possible before June 1. Prices closed as follows:

Spot ..... 34.20  
July ..... 33.77-33.70  
October ..... 33.60  
December ..... 33.63-33.60  
March ..... 33.63-33.60  
May ..... 33.65  
July ..... 33.67 nominal  
October ..... 33.62 nominal

—United Press.

Paris, May 26. The price of the French gold Napoleon dropped 50 francs to 3,800 to 3,840 francs. The black market currency rate also dropped—from 410 to 410 on the dollar compared with the legal rate of 300. The drop was believed to be explained by speculators taking their profits.

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## BONN AND THE SOVIET

### Talk Of Trade Resumption

(From Denis Martin)

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## MOSSADEGH HAS LOST OUT IN OIL DISPUTE

In the year which has passed between the publication of the 1951 and the 1952 accounts of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company the Persian oil dispute has remained an unsolved issue.

Increasingly, however, Dr Mossadegh and his supporters appear as the losers by their own hand.

Except for the trickle of pirate oil—which is vigorously hunted down in the courts by A.I.O.C. of Persia's position as a producer has ceased to count.

The world oil industry has adjusted itself to the loss of supplies from that quarter. So, too, has Anglo-Iranian to a large extent—though the company's resilience in this respect can never be allowed to obscure the damage done to it by the expropriation of the Persian field and the Abadan refinery.

The contrast of its own results with the general trend of world oil sales is sufficient illustration of this latter point.

Whereas it could have expected, in normal circumstances, to participate in the benefits of the upward trend of world consumption in the past two years, it has seen instead, despite the

success of emergency measures, a decline in trading profits from £110m. in 1950, the first year when it had the full use of its Persian properties, to £99m. last year, the first completely without those assets.

### OUTSIDE PURCHASES

The contraction in trading profits last year compared with the £71m. of 1951—a year when Persian supplies were available for the first six months—reflects largely the additional cost to the company of outside purchases.

To supplement the 23½m. tons of crude which it obtained from the Kuwait, Qatar and Iraq fields, it bought nearly 7m. tons of oil, mainly refined products.

There was also, for most of the year, a high level of tanker freight rates in force, which accentuated the cost problem for the company, despite its possession of a fleet of long-chartered tonnage.

This kind of exceptional cost is diminishing rapidly, however, in the current year as the company's own resources continue to develop.

Crude production is expected to be around 35m. tons and refinery capacity both there and overseas is being steadily expanded.

By the end of 1954, indeed, refinery capacity, including the new Aden and Australian installations, is estimated at 30m. tons per annum, which may be compared with 32m. tons in 1950, when Abadan was lost in full operation.

### DIVIDEND POLICY

These encouraging figures must not, however, be automatically interpreted as meaning that results are due to show a spectacular improvement.

As the chairman, Sir William Fraser, points out in his statement, conditions in the world oil market have become very competitive once again.

Thus although the company's sales in the opening months of 1953 show an encouraging expansion, they are being made at profit margins smaller than was the case last year.

It is natural enough, in the light of these conditions and the immense capital expenditure which the company faces, that the question of dividend policy should assume particular importance.

The raising of the 1952 payment by 5 per cent to 30 per cent was, in fact, the chairman's admission, as substantial, of an increase as could be warranted.

### GREAT STRENGTH

The group earnings cover was about sixfold. But the company's great financial strength—which together with its international trading status, has enabled it to survive Dr Mossadegh's blowhams, as yet, to be the first consideration. Capital expenditure last year, for example, was £57m., largely met from retained profits. The balance was found from existing liquid resources, which on December 31 last showed some reduction.

But again, the proceeds of last January's issue of £20m. adventure stock will have since restored the position. It is not unreasonable to hope that—in the unlikely event of a catastrophic collapse in the world oil market—the company will be able further to relax its dividend policy. Capital expenditure—estimated this year at £75m.—is likely to be financed in part by fresh issues of loan capital. The reserve position is very strong—the present total of 113m., including £97m. in general reserve, suggesting, indeed, that some adjustment would not be out of place in the present £20m. odd of issued Ordinary capital.—The Financial Times.

### CORN

Spot ..... 1.63  
July ..... 1.60-1.61  
September ..... 1.58-1.59  
December ..... 1.57-1.58  
March ..... 1.55-1.56

—United Press.

### GRAIN PRICES IN CHICAGO

Chicago, May 26. Technical replacement buying and short covering steadied grains and cotton, although the advances ran into hedge selling and liquidation following improved crop news. At Chicago, wheat closed up 1/4 to 1 cent and soybeans were up 1/4 to 1/2 cents. Prices closed as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel  
Spot ..... 1.60-1.61  
July ..... 1.58-1.59  
September ..... 1.56-1.57  
December ..... 1.54-1.55  
March ..... 1.52-1.53

—United Press.

### NEW YORK SUGAR FUTURES

New York, May 26. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 3 to 4 points lower with sales of 101 contracts. Domestic No. 6 closed 2 points higher with sales of 50 contracts.

The activity in both contracts was light while traders paused to appraise the foreign political news and awaited the raw market developments. Prices closed as follows:

Contract No. 4 (World)  
July ..... 1.60  
September ..... 1.57 nominal  
January ..... 1.55 nominal  
March ..... 1.53 nominal  
May ..... 1.51 nominal  
July ..... 1.49 nominal  
September ..... 1.47 nominal  
December ..... 1.45 nominal  
March ..... 1.43 nominal

—United Press.

### JAPANESE BONDS

London, May 26. Japanese bonds fell 1/2 to 1/4 nominal in the foreign market this morning at the following rates:

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## Blind-Alley Boys

THE eight of the seven boys called back an ancient personal memory—a waiting outside a headmaster's study for an interview that was foreordained to end painfully.

The boys, all about 10 years old, sat on a bench in the underroom to Great Marlborough Street court. Their shining morning faces were pale and scared, every hair on their heads was glued in place by grease; their ties were all straight, and their necks all clean. So neat, so quiet, they hardly seemed like boys at all.

As I passed them one said to the rest in an urgent whisper: "This is one of them courts as sits right through the day, to the night sometimes." The others shuddered as if they had been told that within the courtroom doors a hanging judge worked round the clock.

### NOW A CHANGE

HALFWAY through the morning's work in court, the case of the seven boys was called. The case, rather, of the eight boys; for one of their companions, a youth named Ross, being just over 17, had qualified to await trial with the adult prisoners, while the younger ones sat outside.

"Ross and seven juveniles, sir," said the gaoler, in the tone of a compere announcing a children's act for which he did not wish to be thought in any way responsible.

Now, the boys seemed to have undergone a subtle change in personality. There was defiance in their bearing, and they pleaded mutely, lips slipped syllables out of the sides of their mouths, no gangsters do in films.

### AT MIDNIGHT

THE charge was that, just before midnight, they had obstructed a Soho alleyway. The magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, V.C., raised his eyebrows when he heard the time of the offence. He raised them again when he heard the name of the Soho alleyway where it had been committed.

Only a few minutes earlier, five Irishmen and one Irishwoman had been before him for fighting in the same place.

The boys had not fought, but had just hung around, completely blocking the alley, refusing to move on when ordered.

"What's the attraction of this alley?" he asked the boys.

### THE SILENT SEVEN

SEVEN were silent, one said: "We'd been to the pictures, we was just figuring...." "What time did you come out of the pictures?" "Couldn't be been getting on for 11," answered the boy's spokesman.

"Wouldn't you have done better to get back to your homes in Peckham?" Mr. Bennett inquired. "Did your parents know where you were?"

The boys did not answer, but the policeman who had arrested them went into the witness-box, and said some of their parents were in court. A father came forward.

"Does your boy come up to the West End much?" Mr. Bennett asked him.

"Oh, yes," the father replied.

"You don't worry when he comes home very late?"

"Oh, no," said the father. "Mind you, I wouldn't mind him coming home a bit earlier, but I don't worry."

"What time did they get home after that?" the magistrate asked.

The policeman answered. "I drove them home at 6.20 in the morning, sir," he said.

### AND SO HOME

THE magistrate turned to the octet. "You'd better all go home now," he said, and discharged them absolutely.

The boys went off looking mightily relieved. They had not feared the penalty of their crime, I think (magistrates have not the powers of punishment headmasters possess). What had really worried them was the unfounded rumour that the court sat through the day and into the night. If they had been obliged to wait so long it might have seriously interfered with the freedom of the town that was theirs by right.

## BRITISH FIRM WINS US ARMY CONTRACT

Washington, May 26. The United States Army announced today that the British Ferranti Electric Company had been awarded a contract to supply six transformers for the McNary Dam on the Columbia River in Oregon.

The British bid of \$57,600 ( £30,285) was the lowest.

Next lowest bid came from another British company, English Electric, with \$89,031 dollars (£320,386). The nearest United States competitor, the Maloney Electric Company of St. Louis tendered for \$83,228 dollars (£51,162 sterling).

An announcement here said the 6,500 kilowatt transformers would be manufactured at Hollinwood, England.

The acceptance of Ferranti's bid was warmly welcomed in diplomatic and government circles here, as evidence that the Defence Department was supporting President Eisenhower's declaration of trade not aid.

It has to some extent softened the blow of the rejection of English Electric's bid, some 1,000,000 dollars lower than the nearest American bid, to supply electrical equipment for the bigger project at Chief Joseph Dam, Washington State.

All the bids for Chief Joseph Dam were rejected, and were readvertised this month on the basis of new technical specifications.—Reuters.

## GAOL FOR TREASON

London, May 26. Communist Czechoslovakia tonight announced almost apologetically that she had sentenced two men to gaol for life, and two others to 25 years, on charges of treason and spying.

The first state trial behind the Iron Curtain since Stalin's death was almost hushed up in the 400 word account issued by the official Czechoslovak agency Ceskoslovensko.

This was the more remarkable, since one of the accused was Richard Slansky—brother of Rudolf Slansky, the former Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, who was executed last December after being found guilty of treason and espionage.

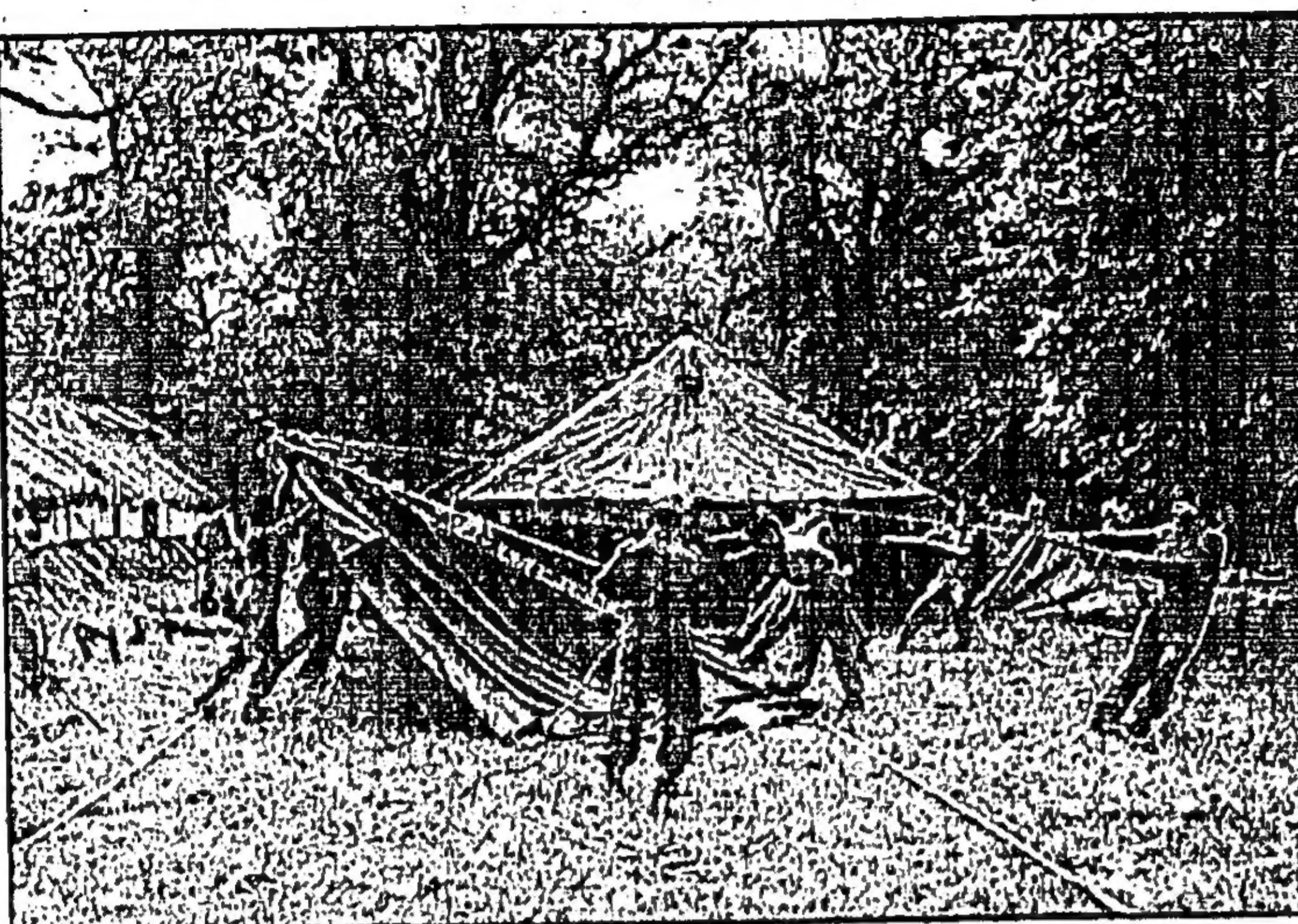
Slansky was made a scapegoat for almost all the domestic ills of his Communist country, was named as a Jew and accused of "Zionism," which apparently was a deadly crime. For weeks and months thereafter, the Czech press and radio heaped abuse on him.—Reuters.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Basketball's almost over and it isn't time for baseball yet—they'll be asking for dates pretty soon!"

## London Gardens Become Garrison Town



## Israeli-Jordan Frontier Incidents Cause Anxiety

Tel-Aviv, May 26.

Growing tension along the Israeli-Jordan border has led to recent intervention from both the United States and Britain, usually reliable sources here said today.

In attacks last night on three Israeli villages east of Lydda in the coastal area one woman was killed and five others, all women and children, were wounded, an Israeli army spokesman said. He added that the attacks were carried out "by the armed forces of Jordan."

Israel has lodged a sharp protest to the Mixed Armistice Commission against these latest attacks and has demanded an immediate emergency meeting of the Commission.

The incidents have increased the anxiety of Western diplomats here who fear such wars may set the border ablaze.

The American initiative came after the visit to Israel of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, the sources said. Mr. Dulles was reported to have sent an informal suggestion to the Israeli Government during his stay in Amman earlier this month.

The sources said his proposals included contact at lower levels between Israeli and Jordanian army commanders; mixed patrols; and co-operation between officers on the spot to prevent infiltration and border incidents.

Several weeks ago Britain made proposals for high level talks in Tel-Aviv and Amman and similar proposals were made by the United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, Lieutenant-General William Riley. But these were refused by the Jordan authorities.

BRITISH INFLUENCE It is expected in Western diplomatic circles here that Britain will use her influence in Amman to urge Jordan's acceptance of the latest American suggestions.

The Israeli Army spokesman, describing last night's attacks on the three villages, said they were "murdering and coordinated attack."

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission held an emergency meeting in Jerusalem later today and decided to investigate three Israeli complaints and one Jordanian complaint on alleged violations of the armistice agreement, accord-

## Radio Hongkong

H.I.T. 6/2, Echoes of the Theatre: 6.30, BBC Coronation Bandstand—British and Australian Bands, Huddersfield Choral Society, etc.; 7.15, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margaretta (Studio); 7.20, Weather Report; 8.15, Time Signal; 8.30, Radio Broadcast Relay; 8.45, Letters from America by Alastair Cooke (Recorded London Relay); 8.30, "Festival of Youth"; In the presence of His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham, G.C.M.G. From the Sookunpoor Football Ground, Clementon: 8.45, "The Calendar," A Play for Radio by Edgar Wallace Adapted for Radio by Cynthia Pugh (BBC); 10.45, Weather Report; 11.15, Radio News, Steel (London Relays); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down. "God Save The Queen"

Radio Hongkong last night broadcast a programme titled "God Save The Queen," one of a series of BBC Coronation programmes. The first half of the programme tells how the tune which has become the National Anthem of the British Commonwealth countries and Australia was incorporated in major works by great European composers. The second half of the programme was concerned with the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The programme was broadcast from Westminster Abbey to hear some of the music forming part of the coronation of the Queen.

The four "diversionists" were sentenced to death by the Military Collegium of the Soviet Supreme Court. They made confessions, the announcement said.—Reuters.

## Doctor Cross-Examined In Murder Trial

The trial of Pte. Bernard Cox, 23, charged with the murder of medical orderly John Needs, at the Norwegian Farm Camp on March 21, reached its closing stages at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Cox, of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Norfolk Regiment, is alleged to have shot Needs with a rifle taken from the guardhouse after he had been brought back to Camp by the Military Police from a Fanling dance hall.

He is being defended by Mr. Charles Looeby QC, instructed by Mr. R. E. Moore, Crown Counsel, Mr. D. F. O'Reilly Mayne is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Insp. E. P. Grace, and the presiding Judge is Mr. Justice C. W. Reece.

Mr. Looeby began his closing address after the evidence of Dr. Yapp Pow-ming, medical officer in charge of the Mental Hospital, who was called by the Prosecution, had concluded.

Cross-examined by Mr. Looeby, Dr. Yapp said he was not aware that after World War I 30,000 ex-servicemen were certified patients in asylums, but it was possible that war had the effect of precipitating mental illness.

Dr. Yapp said that investigations during the last war showed that the incidence of mental illness did not show an increase over that of peace time.

Mr. Looeby: Does excessive strain have an effect in many cases of incipient mental trouble?

Witness: Theoretically, yes, it depends on the individual case and it depends on the mental trouble you are looking for.

Heavy drinking does that precipitates incipient insanity?—Cox.

Asked whether he thought his previous report of no alcoholism in Cox's past history was correct, Dr. Yapp said he wrote that from information given to him by Cox's colleague, Pte. Cook, who told him Cox was not an excessive drinker. He meant there was no pathological alcoholism.

DENIES SUGGESTION

Referring to the doctor's first report, Mr. Looeby asserted "You wrote all this down for the purpose of expressing an opinion adverse to the man."

This, the doctor denied.

For what purpose, then?"

said Counsel.

Dr. Yapp said that it was to exclude certain possibilities from a medical point of view.

Mr. Looeby contended that the whole report from beginning to end was "rubbish" and it was well-known that the facts were otherwise.

"My report contains certain points in his favour," said the doctor.

Mr. Looeby: I cannot find one.

Witness: For instance if he had been concussed in Korea it would have made him more susceptible to alcohol.

You deliberately put that in because you thought that would hurt him—I don't quite follow you.

Questioned by Mr. Looeby about fits, Dr. Yapp said that if the fits occurred in infancy and early childhood they could be due to all sorts of things and might be of no significance.

The Kenya Government said Tanganyika was also trying to find six district officers who would come here as volunteers for up to four months' service.

Policemen here last night were awaiting the arrival by air from Nyeri of the cast of a band of the notorious terrorist leader "Brigadier Simba" (The Lion), slain by troops and police in a raid which wiped out 12 defenders of a police post at Ndare, north of here, last March.

In recent months "Simba" had been leaving death threats to European officials and Kikuyu headmen attached to animals on farms in the Nyeri and Nyandarua districts.—Reuters.

BORDER-LINE

Mr. Looeby: But border-line insanity?

Witness: It could be border-line insanity.

You did describe Cox as an aggressive psychopath?—yes.

Would you still describe him as that?—He could still be described as one.

Now that you know his mental history you could possibly add to it?—I think it may bear some relationship to the fact that he had one brother insane.

If you get an aggressive psychopath and add to it such a family history as this then at the lowest stage you get a border-line insanity—it could be.

And a border-line insanity is a case of a person who may go over the border line at any time?—Yes, that is possible, depending on the stress he has to undergo.

Do you think a war plus heavy drinking may be a stress?—certainly battle experience could be a stress.

Mr. Looeby then proceeded to take the witness through his first report concerning it. He pointed out that the witness had stated the accused was free from physical and mental disease whereas at present it was admitted that he might go over the border under stress. The doctor had also stated there was no insanity, epilepsy or alcoholism in his family, continued Mr. Looeby.

At this stage, the doctor remarked that he did not think it quite fair to put that report forward at this present evidence in

## Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

By Air

Japan, 6 a.m., B.O.A.C.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Indo-China (Tonkin only), 8 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., via Lee Hong-Tak Shing.

Japan, 3 p.m., via Feng Ning.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

By Air

Fernosa, 1 p.m., via C.A.T.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A.

North China, 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Air Force.

C.P.A.

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m., C.P.A./B.O.A.C.

Fernosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

By Surface

Macao, 6 a.m., 6 p.m., via Lee Hong-Tak Shing.

China, 10 a.m., via T.A.C.